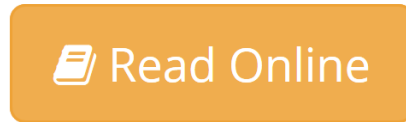


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As new electronic component technologies are developed, the older component technologies and the components themselves often become obsolete. This obsolescence of components can pose a serious risk for systems that rely on such components, especially if the systems have long-life requirements. The first complete, self-contained book to address this growing global industrial problem, *Strategies to the Prediction, Mitigation, and Management of Product Obsolescence* provides engineers and managers with the tools they need to implement a comprehensive obsolescence management system in diverse industries, from defense and aviation to communications and industrial controls.

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- Obsolescence forecasting methodologies, including those based on sales curve forecasting and procurement life analysis
- Case studies illustrating obsolescence forecasting for different component types
- Forecasting tactics for both hardware and software obsolescence
- All aspects of components' life-cycles, from design and introduction to obsolescence
- How to deal with discontinued or changed parts, including methods and controls commonly used by semiconductor manufacturers
- Obsolescence management standards, guidelines, and standards-setting organizations

A must-have work for all professionals in product/project management, sustainment engineering, and purchasing, this book is an invaluable resource for anyone wishing to learn how to mitigate the adverse effects of obsolescence on systems and products.

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